

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held on Feb 12th, 2018. Members and guest present were Col Steve Gorski, Michael Joseph, Frank Calenda, Jim Whidden, Lou Seiler, Mike Steskal, Ed Lindsay, Rob Christman, Bob Wiley, Gene Melchior, Dee Melchior, Dr. Mike Young, John Horsch, John Goll, Frank Hall, Judy Henderson, George Mirda, Siane Lahluangphet, Terry Hammond, and Arlin Massey,

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With no changes to the minutes, Mike Young made the motion that they be approved as published. Rob Christman seconded. Motion carried.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Col Steve Gorski discussed how busy it's been with all the recent visitors, including the Secretary of the Air Force, as well as other ongoing mission requirements..

AFTAC Command Chief: CMSGT Michael Joseph discussed "Bridging the Gap" between the young and old AFTAC'ers (including the Alumni). The purpose is to highlight, provide value added and tie integration with the younger airmen.

Treasurers Report: In the Treasurer's absence, Ed Lindsay provided his treasurers report with a checking account balance of \$3846.72 and savings of \$21,027.44. John Horsch made the motion that the treasurers report be approved. Mike Steskal seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported there are now 595 Florida Alumni Members which includes 561 life time and 34 year-to-year members. This total includes three new lifetime members and one new year-to-year member.

Post Monitor: John Horsch reported that there will be two more issues of the PoMo this year.

Website Committee: Frank Calenda said that the first page has been updated for better ease of use and now contains additional panes such as New Additions and Updates. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Travis Goll discussed the sage shop and answered questions concerning the newest AFTAC coin and said there are still a few remaining. Also discussed was the disposition of the old AFTAC letters from the now demolished headquarters building and the possibility of putting them in the Sage Shop for sale. This will be looked into. **(OPEN)**

Historian: Dr. Mike Young discussed the Wall of Honor and the said next inductee ceremony will be on 27 Mar at 1400. Additional details will be published once they are released from the Wall of Honor committee. He also discussed releasing more historical stories for the alumni website and having the alumni provide one or two paragraphs, from their specific technique, for addition to the inhouse "Nucleus."

Heritage Committee: Jim Whidden discussed the constant effort to improve the Wall of Honor process.

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler said he has received the Certification for the Articles of Incorporation, the Employer Identification Number (EID), and is now completing IRS documentation to secure 501.C(3) status. He said there is still a lot of work to be completed including selecting a spot for the memorial, the actual design, raising funds, etc. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget: Ed Lindsay continued the discussion of a budget with the main yearly expense of the PoMo. He also discussed other activities/functions that put us in the rears financially. After these discussions a motion was made, that (1) our events must be zero sum events, (2) The PoMo should be reduced in size, (3) Printing cost for the PoMo must be reduced/eliminated and (4), that those alumni who still want to receive the PoMo, in paper form, are going be charged \$5.00 per year to cover the cost of printing and mailing. There is no cost for the PoMo via email. The next PoMo will be delivered as usual and the following and subsequent issue will have charges for printing and mailing. Notifications (emails, post cards, etc.) will be made to those who are receiving paper PoMo's of the change and actions they need to take. Mike Steskal made the motion that the motion be approved. Terry Hammond seconded. Motion carried. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Winter Social: Ed Lindsay discussed the social and said it was a very enjoyable evening at the zoo. **(CLOSED)**

Snowball: Ed Lindsay discussed the Snowball and said everyone enjoyed the evening with the short program. **(CLOSED)**

AFTAC Cares Program: The next "Pack A Wrap" is scheduled for the first Thursday of March. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be at 11:30 AM on Mar 12th at 2018 at Beef O' Brady's, S Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach.

Adjournment: With no further business, Lou Seiler made a motion that we adjourn. Terry Hammond seconded. Motion Carried.

Arlin Massey
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association

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